

2007

(July)

ANTHROPOLOGY

(Theories and Methods)

Course No. : 205

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The questions are of equal value

Answer **any five** questions

1. Define theory. Discuss its relationship with facts. Give appropriate examples in support of your answer.
2. Describe the logic of induction and deduction. Illustrate your answer with suitable examples.
3. How have the diffusionists understood social and cultural phenomena? Discuss.
4. Structuralism is concerned with discovering the underlying logico-mathematical rules. Explain.

5. Define hypothesis. How are the hypotheses constructed? List the characteristics of a good hypothesis. Give suitable examples.
6. Critically examine the functional approach to the study of society.
7. Delineate the salient aspects of symbolic interactionism. Examine its merits and demerits.
8. According to Clifford Geertz, the concept of culture is essentially semiotic. Discuss in the light of the interpretive approach to the study of society and culture.
9. Enumerate the features of the post-Modern approach to anthropological research.
10. Write brief notes on any *two* of the following :
 - (a) The concept of structure in anthropology
 - (b) Generalization and theorization
 - (c) Neo-evolutionism
 - (d) Erving Goffman's contribution
 - (e) Historical particularism
